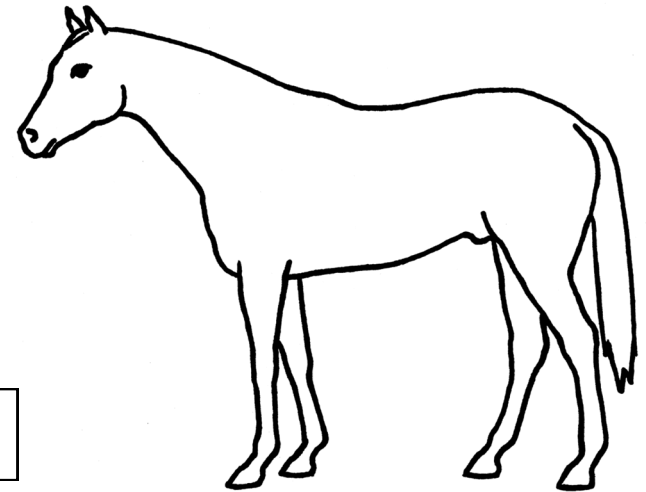


Scoring Guidelines



LEISURE SCORECARD 2020 Revision



Point assignment is at the discretion of the judge.
Missed observation: Award 1 point less than the worst performing team.

SURFACE ASSESSMENT

Note: Findings are to be noted and discussed but not scored. Severe findings may be reason to pull at the judge's discretion.

Mouth Evaluate for rubs from bit or chin strap.

Girth Observe for any swelling, chafing or rubs.

Back With a flat hand, feel across the top of the back and observe for any reaction.

Legs Observe for interference and/or swelling. This is not a hands on evaluation.

PULSE & RESPIRATION

Pulse		Respiration		Holds	
Beats	Score	Breaths	Score	Number	Score
12 or less	+ 5	9 or less	+ 5	No Holds	+10
13	+ 4	10-13	+ 4	1 Hold	+ 5
14	+ 3	14-17	+ 3	2 Holds	+ 0
15	+ 2	18-21	+ 2		
16	+ 1	22-25	+ 1		
17 or higher	+ 0	26 or higher	+ 0		

An incoming courtesy Pulse & Respiration (P&R) may be taken but will not be scored. The initial outgoing P&R is scored as above. These numbers are based on a 15 second count.

Holds: If the scored P&R is at 17 or higher for either pulse and respiration, the equine will be held for an additional 10 minutes. Another reading will be taken on both the pulse and respiration and if either is still 17 or higher, the equine will be held for another 10 minutes. It will again be checked after this final hold.

Pull if not recovered (below 17 on both pulse and respiration) after two holds beyond the scored P&R (total of 30 minutes of recovery time including the initial P&R).

Colic, Tie-Up, Thumps: Pull - Recommend Immediate Medical Attention

SOUNDNESS

Judge will observe an in-hand, down-and-back trot at check in and check out. S/he should not diagnose any type of lameness but merely decide if the equine is okay to start at check in (lameness not observable or consistent on the straight line), and the same or worse at check out. If the latter, a decision should be made to award completion mileage only or to pull the team from the ride as described below.

Lameness Grades

Grade 1: Lameness is difficult to observe and is not consistently apparent regardless of circumstance (e.g. under saddle, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.).

Grade 2: Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line, but consistently apparent under certain circumstances (e.g. weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.).

Grade 3: Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances. Do not allow to start the day! If observed during ride, the equine should be pulled. If observed at final check, Completion Only may be granted at the discretion of the judge with card scored.

Grade 4: Lameness is obvious at a walk.

Grade 5: Lameness produces minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest, or a complete inability to move.

**PULL
or
COMPLETION
ONLY (CO)**

PULL CODES

Strike a diagonal line across the face of the card. Write the words "PULL" and one of the following pull codes:

Lameness: Any degree of lameness Grade 3 or above.
Metabolic: Non-recovery, colic, thumps, tie-up, etc.
Surface Factors: Wounds, sore backs, rubs, etc.
Rider Option: Rider illness, injury, fatigue; weather, etc.
Disqualification: Rule violations, dangerous, etc.

TRAIL ABILITY / MANNERS

Equines may earn up to 5 points on each observation. Responsiveness is rewarded so an equine that is attentive to the trail and rider is scored higher than one with mild, moderate or severe disobedience. An equine that displays excellent skill during a maneuver should earn a better score than one that has difficulty or shows resistance. A quiet equine is awarded higher points than one that displays buddying, head tossing, shying, calling, etc.

Obvious kick or bite at judge, rider or handler **0**
 Fractious, Unruly, Dangerous **DISQUALIFY**

RIDER'S EQUITATION & COMMUNICATION

Riders may earn up to 5 points on each observation. Equitation and communication may be observed during ride-through observations or when asked to stop and perform a task. On ascending, descending and level terrain, the judge should reward good balance and lightness of seat, soft cues, proper body and leg position, good control, and effective hands and aids. When negotiating obstacles, riders should display the desired control, cues, timing and form to enhance the equine's performance and teamwork.

SAFETY & COURTESY

Riders may earn up to 5 points for overall attention to trail safety and courtesy during the ride. Maintaining a proper distance between equines, responding to directions, being safe with equine, self and others, and considerate when passing on the trail or waiting at an obstacle will earn higher scores. Good trail etiquette is rewarded.